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### **Outstanding Library Trustee Awarded to Former Alexandria Library Chair**

Former Alexandria Library Board Chair and Alexandria resident, Dorothy "Brooksie" Koopman won the prestigious Virginia Public Library Director's Association's (VPLDA's) Outstanding Library Trustee Award, on April 25, 2013. Mrs. Koopman was nominated by the Alexandria Library and was the sole recipient of the award in the category of libraries that serve a population over 100,000; more than 20 Virginia libraries were eligible. Her achievement reflects her 12 years of service, dedication, and leadership for the Alexandria Library. For over a decade, Koopman served in the capacity of Board member, Secretary, Vice Chair, Acting Chair and Chair. After serving as Chair for four years, Koopman graciously stepped down in December 2012, due to term limits. At her final board meeting, a long list of accomplishments were acknowledged in a Library Board Resolution. Her key efforts included being a strong patron and supporter of the Alexandria Library for 20-plus years, playing a pivotal role in updating the bylaws and investment policies of the Alexandria Library Board, and guiding the Alexandria Library through the economic downturn while she served as Chair. Mrs. Koopman was appointed as a member of the Alexandria Library Board in November of 2000.

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